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**TO:** Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron

**SUBJECT:** Analysis of Officer Use of Force for 2018

The following is an analysis for the use of force by deputy sheriffs of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office during the periods of January 1 through December 31, 2018. Data for the analysis was derived from the collection of the Use of Force reports completed by law enforcement officers and reviewed by the officer's chain of command. Once the reports are reviewed and approved, they are forwarded to the Office of Professional Responsibilities and entered into the Early Warning System.

Sheriff's Office policy states, in part, all instances of the use of firearms, with the exception of dispatching an animal, FN-303, TASER discharges, chemical agents, pressure point control tactics, impact weapons, physical force other than routine handcuffing, a Use of Force Report a Blue Team will be completed. In addition supervisors are now required to complete a supervisory review of all instances of use of force when able to do so.

In 2018, the Sheriff's Office handled 71, 224 calls for service as compared to 69,709 for the year 2017 a 2.2% increase. There were 123 instances of use of force. This equates to force being utilized once in every 579 calls for service.

Refer to the attached IA Pro Use of Force report for the statistical data.

### Analysis

In calendar year 2018, the Agency reported 123 Use of Force incidents, in comparison to 2017, wherein 144 incidents reported. There was a 15% decrease in the overall Use of Force incidents. This is not a significant decrease, but a decrease nonetheless. However, over the past two (2) years there is a 22% decrease in the Use of Force. This is significant and this would indicate deputies are implementing their training in de-escalation techniques.

TO: Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron – February 5, 2019

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Refer to the attached IAPro report of Use of Force for a breakdown on the types of force utilized by sworn personnel.

#### Recommendation


From the review of the Use of Force reports from 2018, and in comparison to previous year's statistical data, most Use of Force incidents were within the scope of agency policy and procedure. There were no identifiable trends that would indicate excessive or brutal force being utilized by agency personnel.

In 2018 there was one Use of Force incident identified by the Office of Professional Responsibilities wherein inappropriate force was applied. Training was provided to the involved officers.

Hopefully the decline in the use of force will continue as a trend in the years to come.

It is apparent based upon the data sworn personnel within the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office are responding to their training and adhering to the policies of the office. It is evident supervision is holding their personnel to task thus reducing agency liability. The efforts of all the Sheriff's Office personnel should be commended.

The agency has recognized first line supervisors are conducting thorough supervisory reviews for each Use of Force incident. This is believed to be a contributing factor in the reduced number of Use of Force incidents.

  
Michael H. Gardiner  
Lieutenant  
Office of Professional Responsibilities

Agree

☐ Yes ☐ No, see indorsement.

Major:

 #2 Date 2-9-19

☒ Yes ☐ No, see indorsement.

Sheriff:

 Date 2-11-19

31, 2018

## Use-of-force Incidents By : Jan 01, 2018 - Dec

## CID

Total number of use-of-force incidents: 1

Total number of officers involved: 1

## Type of force tally:

Type of force	Effective		Not effective		Total #
	#	%	#	%	
Knee Strike	1	100%	0	0%	1
Take Down	1	100%	0	0%	1

## Narcotics

Total number of use-of-force incidents: 7

Total number of officers involved: 7

## Type of force tally:

Type of force	Effective		Not effective		Total #
	#	%	#	%	
Arm bar take down	1	100%	0	0%	1
Hand restrain	1	100%	0	0%	1
Hand Strike	0	0%	1	100%	1
Knee Strike	2	100%	0	0%	2
Secured wrist	1	100%	0	0%	1
Take Down	1	100%	0	0%	1
Taser	0	0%	1	100%	1
Wrist Lock	0	0%	1	100%	1

## Patrol

Total number of use-of-force incidents: 94

Total number of officers involved: 94

## Type of force tally:

Type of force	Effective		Not effective		Total #
	#	%	#	%	
Arm Bar	6	86%	1	14%	7
Arm bar take down	17	94%	1	6%	18
Arm Control	11	79%	3	21%	14
Asp/Baton	1	100%	0	0%	1
Carry	2	100%	0	0%	2
Escort hold	2	100%	0	0%	2
Hand push	9	90%	1	10%	10
Hand restrain	6	86%	1	14%	7
Handgun Pointed Only	3	75%	1	25%	4
Head Control	2	100%	0	0%	2
Knee Strike	4	80%	1	20%	5
Leg Sweep	3	60%	2	40%	5

Other	4	100%	0	0%	4
Palm heel strike	1	100%	0	0%	1
Pressure Point	7	70%	3	30%	10
Secured Legs	1	50%	1	50%	2
Secured wrist	3	100%	0	0%	3
Take Down	10	100%	0	0%	10
Taser	12	75%	4	25%	16
Wrist Lock	8	100%	0	0%	8

SOD

Total number of use-of-force incidents: 26

Total number of officers involved: 32

Type of force tally:

Type of force	Effective		Not effective		Total #
	#	%	#	%	
Arm Bar	3	100%	0	0%	3
Arm Control	1	100%	0	0%	1
Escort hold	2	100%	0	0%	2
Hand push	2	100%	0	0%	2
Hand Strike	0	0%	1	100%	1
Handgun	1	100%	0	0%	1
Handgun Pointed Only	0	0%	1	100%	1
Leg Sweep	4	100%	0	0%	4
OC Spray	1	100%	0	0%	1
Pressure Point	1	100%	0	0%	1
Restraint Chair	1	100%	0	0%	1
Secured wrist	1	100%	0	0%	1
Take Down	4	80%	1	20%	5
Taser	3	100%	0	0%	3
vehicle extraction	3	100%	0	0%	3
Wrist Lock	4	100%	0	0%	4

Incident-level organizational assignment break-out

Report date range criteria: Incidents received Between Jan 1, 2018 and Dec 31, 2018

Report name: Use-of-force by Organizational Component [5.0]

Report run on: Sep 19, 2019 at 07:45 by Admin Coordinator Karen Moore

Profile of Use of force Incidents Received Between Jan 1, 2018 and Dec 31, 2018

: 'CID'

Total number of Use of force incidents: 1

Total number of officers involved: 1

Type of force tally:

Type of force	Effective		Not effective		Total #
	#	%	#	%	
Knee Strike	1	100%	0	0%	1
Take Down	1	100%	0	0%	1

Citizen resistance tally:

Reason	Count	Percent of total
: Active	1	100%
Total	1	

Citizen condition tally:

Condition or injury	Count	Percent of total
: No injuries noted or visible	1	100%
Total	1	

Citizen arrested in conjunction with use-of-force (# incidents):

	Count	Percent of total
: Yes	1	100%
Total	1	

Tally of charges against involved citizens::

Charge	Count	Percent of total
: Other	1	50%
Warrants	1	50%
Total	2	

Citizen was injured in conjunction with use-of-force (# incidents):

	Count	Percent of total
: No	1	100%
Total	1	

Citizen taken to hospital in conjunction with use-of-force (# incidents):

	Count	Percent of total
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:	No	1	100%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	

**Officer injuries tally:**

	<b>Condition</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Percent of total</b>
:	Complaint of Injury-No EMS	1	100%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	

**Officer injured in conjunction with use-of-force (# incidents):**

	<b>Count</b>	<b>Percent of total</b>
:	Yes	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>

**Officer taken to hospital in conjunction with use-of-force (# incidents):**

	<b>Count</b>	<b>Percent of total</b>
:	No	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>

**Reason for use-of-force:**

	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Percent of total</b>
:	Effect an arrest	1	100%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	

**Type of service being rendered at time of use-of-force:**

	<b>Service type</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Percent of total</b>
:	Self Initiated	1	100%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	

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Report date range criteria: Use of force incidents received Between Jan 1, 2018 and Dec 31, 2018

**Profile of Use of force Incidents Received Between Jan 1, 2018 and Dec 31, 2018**

: 'Narcotics'

**Total number of Use of force incidents: 7**

Total number of officers involved: 7

Type of force tally:

Type of force	Effective		Not effective		Total #
	#	%	#	%	
Arm bar take down	1	100%	0	0%	1
Hand restrain	1	100%	0	0%	1
Hand Strike	0	0%	1	100%	1
Knee Strike	2	100%	0	0%	2
Secured wrist	1	100%	0	0%	1
Take Down	1	100%	0	0%	1
Taser	0	0%	1	100%	1
Wrist Lock	0	0%	1	100%	1

Citizen resistance tally:

Reason	Count	Percent of total
Active	4	67%
Passive	2	33%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	

Citizen condition tally:

Condition or injury	Count	Percent of total
Complaint of Injury	3	50%
No injuries noted or visible	2	33%
Visible Injury	1	17%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	

Citizen arrested in conjunction with use-of-force (# incidents):

	Count	Percent of total
No	4	57%
Yes	3	43%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	

Tally of charges against involved citizens::

Charge	Count	Percent of total
Drugs	3	21%
Fleeing and Eluding	1	7%
Other	4	29%
Resisting	3	21%
Warrants	3	21%
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	

## Citizen was injured in conjunction with use-of-force (# incidents):

	Count	Percent of total
: No	4	57%
Yes	3	43%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	

## Citizen taken to hospital in conjunction with use-of-force (# incidents):

	Count	Percent of total
: No	4	57%
Yes	3	43%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	

## Officer injuries tally:

Condition	Count	Percent of total
: No injuries noted or visible	6	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	

## Officer injured in conjunction with use-of-force (# incidents):

	Count	Percent of total
: No	7	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	

## Officer taken to hospital in conjunction with use-of-force (# incidents):

	Count	Percent of total
: No	7	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	

## Reason for use-of-force:

Reason	Count	Percent of total
: Effect an arrest	7	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	

## Type of service being rendered at time of use-of-force:

Service type	Count	Percent of total
: Dispatched CAD Call	2	29%
Not Applicable	2	29%
Self Initiated	3	43%



**Total****7**

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Report date range criteria: Use of force incidents received Between Jan 1, 2018 and Dec 31, 2018

**Profile of Use of force Incidents Received Between Jan 1, 2018 and Dec 31, 2018**

: 'Patrol'

**Total number of Use of force incidents: 94**

**Total number of officers involved: 94**

**Type of force tally:**

Type of force	Effective		Not effective		Total #
	#	%	#	%	
Arm Bar	6	86%	1	14%	7
Arm bar take down	17	94%	1	6%	18
Arm Control	11	79%	3	21%	14
Asp/Baton	1	100%	0	0%	1
Carry	2	100%	0	0%	2
Escort hold	2	100%	0	0%	2
Hand push	9	90%	1	10%	10
Hand restrain	6	86%	1	14%	7
Handgun Pointed Only	3	75%	1	25%	4
Head Control	2	100%	0	0%	2
Knee Strike	4	80%	1	20%	5
Leg Sweep	3	60%	2	40%	5
Other	4	100%	0	0%	4
Palm heel strike	1	100%	0	0%	1
Pressure Point	7	70%	3	30%	10
Secured Legs	1	50%	1	50%	2
Secured wrist	3	100%	0	0%	3
Take Down	10	100%	0	0%	10
Taser	12	75%	4	25%	16
Wrist Lock	8	100%	0	0%	8

**Citizen resistance tally:**

Reason	Count	Percent of total
Active	76	77%
No Resistance	1	1%
Passive	20	20%
Passive armed	2	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>99</b>	

**Citizen condition tally:**

Condition or injury	Count	Percent of total
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Complaint of Injury	6	7%
Injury Not Caused by UoF	1	1%
No injuries noted or visible	46	50%
Unknown	2	2%
Visible Injury	37	40%
<b>Total</b>	<b>92</b>	

**Citizen arrested in conjunction with use-of-force (# incidents):**

	Count	Percent of total
No	36	38%
Yes	58	62%
<b>Total</b>	<b>94</b>	

**Tally of charges against involved citizens::**

Charge	Count	Percent of total
Alcohol/DWI	13	11%
Assault	21	18%
Assault Police	11	9%
Disorderly	6	5%
Domestic Related	5	4%
Drugs	5	4%
Fleeing and Eluding	5	4%
Other	17	14%
Resisting	25	21%
Warrants	12	10%
<b>Total</b>	<b>120</b>	

**Citizen was injured in conjunction with use-of-force (# incidents):**

	Count	Percent of total
No	52	55%
Yes	42	45%
<b>Total</b>	<b>94</b>	

**Citizen taken to hospital in conjunction with use-of-force (# incidents):**

	Count	Percent of total
No	46	49%

Yes	48	51%
<b>Total</b>	<b>94</b>	

**Officer injuries tally:**

Condition	Count	Percent of total
No injuries noted or visible	75	89%
Visible Injury-EMS Treated	2	2%
Visible Injury-No Treatment	7	8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>84</b>	

**Officer injured in conjunction with use-of-force (# incidents):**

	Count	Percent of total
No	84	89%
Yes	10	11%
<b>Total</b>	<b>94</b>	

**Officer taken to hospital in conjunction with use-of-force (# incidents):**

	Count	Percent of total
No	92	98%
Yes	2	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>94</b>	

**Reason for use-of-force:**

Reason	Count	Percent of total
Disorderly	7	7%
Effect an arrest	45	48%
Emergency Petition	25	27%
Protect Citizen	2	2%
Protect Other Employee	7	7%
Protect Self	8	9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>94</b>	

**Type of service being rendered at time of use-of-force:**

Service type	Count	Percent of total
Dispatched CAD Call	78	83%

Inmate	3	3%
Off Duty	3	3%
Self Initiated	10	11%
<b>Total</b>	<b>94</b>	

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Report date range criteria: Use of force incidents received Between Jan 1, 2018 and Dec 31, 2018

**Profile of Use of force Incidents Received Between Jan 1, 2018 and Dec 31, 2018**

: 'SOD'

**Total number of Use of force incidents: 24**

**Total number of officers involved: 24**

**Type of force tally:**

Type of force	Effective		Not effective		Total #
	#	%	#	%	
Arm Bar	3	100%	0	0%	3
Arm Control	1	100%	0	0%	1
Escort hold	2	100%	0	0%	2
Hand push	2	100%	0	0%	2
Hand Strike	0	0%	1	100%	1
Handgun	1	100%	0	0%	1
Handgun Pointed Only	0	0%	1	100%	1
Leg Sweep	4	100%	0	0%	4
OC Spray	1	100%	0	0%	1
Pressure Point	1	100%	0	0%	1
Restraint Chair	1	100%	0	0%	1
Secured wrist	1	100%	0	0%	1
Take Down	4	80%	1	20%	5
Taser	3	100%	0	0%	3
vehicle extraction	3	100%	0	0%	3
Wrist Lock	4	100%	0	0%	4

**Citizen resistance tally:**

Reason	Count	Percent of total
Active	16	59%
Active Armed	1	4%
Passive	8	30%
Passive armed	2	7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	

**Citizen condition tally:**

Condition or injury	Count	Percent of total
Injury Not Caused by UoF	1	4%
No injuries noted or visible	18	75%
Visible Injury	5	21%
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	

**Citizen arrested in conjunction with use-of-force (# incidents):**

	Count	Percent of total
No	11	42%
Yes	15	58%
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	

**Tally of charges against involved citizens::**

Charge	Count	Percent of total
Alcohol/DWI	1	3%
Assault	3	9%
Assault Police	2	6%
Disorderly	8	24%
Drugs	2	6%
Fleeing and Eluding	2	6%
Other	8	24%
Resisting	6	18%
Warrants	1	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	

**Citizen was injured in conjunction with use-of-force (# incidents):**

	Count	Percent of total
No	22	85%
Yes	4	15%
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	

**Citizen taken to hospital in conjunction with use-of-force (# incidents):**

	Count	Percent of total
No	15	58%

Yes	11	42%
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	

**Officer injuries tally:**

Condition	Count	Percent of total
Complaint of Injury-No EMS	1	5%
No injuries noted or visible	17	85%
Visible Injury-EMS Treated	2	10%
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	

**Officer injured in conjunction with use-of-force (# incidents):**

	Count	Percent of total
No	21	81%
Yes	5	19%
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	

**Officer taken to hospital in conjunction with use-of-force (# incidents):**

	Count	Percent of total
No	24	92%
Yes	2	8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	

**Reason for use-of-force:**

Reason	Count	Percent of total
Disorderly	6	23%
Effect an arrest	7	27%
Emergency Petition	6	23%
Protect Citizen	3	12%
Protect Other Employee	2	8%
Protect Self	2	8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	

**Type of service being rendered at time of use-of-force:**

Service type	Count	Percent of total
Dispatched CAD Call	17	65%

Inmate	2	8%
Self Initiated	7	27%
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	

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Report date range criteria: Use of force incidents received Between Jan 1, 2018 and Dec 31, 2018

4 Organizational Component Combinations were processed

Report name: Use of Force stats - Alaska DPS (5.6)

Report run on: Sep 19, 2019 at 07:32 by Admin Coordinator Karen Moore